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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON MIDDLE EAST AND ISRAEL AT THE UN  
FOR EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING

1. THE MFA DIRECTOR FOR MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS HAS APPROACHED US NOT-  
ING THAT THE EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL BE MEETING IN ROME SEP-  
TEMBER 3 AND 4. THEY WILL DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST  
IN THE WAKE OF THE SECRETARY'S TRIP AND THE RESULTS OF THE LIMA CON-  
FERENCE WITH REGARDS TO POSSIBLE MOVES IN THE UN AGAINST ISRAEL.
  2. THE ITALIANS WISH TO BE HELPFUL AND WOULD APPRECIATE AS MUCH  
INFORMATION ON THE SITUATION IN THE ME AS WE CAN MAKE AVAILABLE  
PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 3. THEY RECOGNIZE THAT ALL DETAILS COULD NOT BE  
REVEALED BUT WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE AN ADVANCE BRIEFING WHICH  
WOULD PERMIT THEM TO LEAD THE DISCUSSION AMONG THE NINE. WE RECOM-  
MEND THAT THIS ITALIAN REQUEST BE MET IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.
  3. REGARDING THE RESULTS OF THE LIMA CONFERENCE AS THEY AFFECT  
ISRAEL AT THE UN, THE ITALIANS WOULD APPRECIATE OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE  
RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE AND THE LIKELIHOOD OF THE POSSIBLE  
ACTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL IN NEW YORK. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT  
IF WE HAVE ANY VIEWS ON WHAT THE EUROPEANS MIGHT USEFULLY DO  
POST-LIMA IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO GET THEM TO THE ITALIANS
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PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

4. ACCORDINGLY, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE CAN HAVE SOMETHING  
TO PASS ON TO THE ITALIANS BY OPENING OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 2.  
THEY HAVE BEEN MOST HELPFUL IN CONSULTING WITH US DURING THEIR  
PRESIDENCY OF THE EC AND IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL IF WE CAN SHOW THAT  
CONSULTATION WORKS BOTH WAYS. VOLPE

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